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# NERO'S LABORATORY

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PROLOGUE

TN: SORRY, NOT SURE WHAT A "WASTEWANDER" IS. PROBABLY A DRIFTER OR NAME OF THEIR SINGINGGROUP?

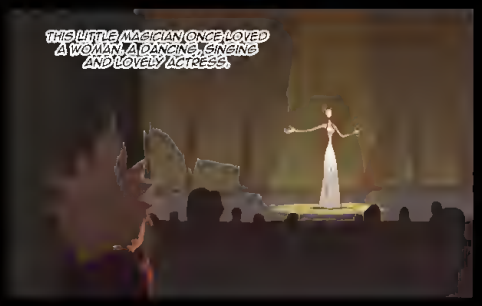
IF YOU COME INTO THE TENT AT NIGHT ~ YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR OUR SONG ~

EVEN WITHOUT HAIR ~
EVEN WITHOUT A HEART ~
ISN'T OUR MUSIC EXCITING ~
ISN'T OUR STORY FUN ~

LALA ~
THOSE WHO ARE WAITING FOR THE STORY ~
THOSE WHO ARE WAITING FOR THE STAGE ~
WE SING ~

A SAD BUT CHEERFUL STORY ~ AT ANY TIME IT IS A CHEERFUL STORY ~

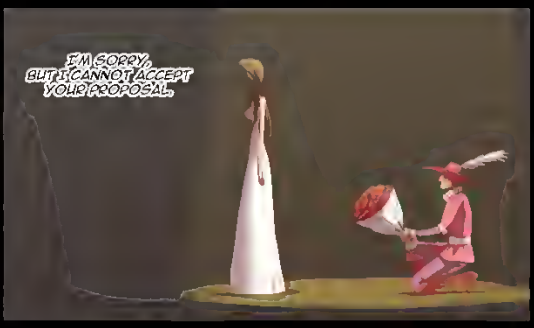
IN A KINGDOM DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS, ON THE FOOT OF A HILL, WHERE PEOPLE RARELY VENTURE,
SENTENCED TO A LIFETIME OF BOOKS AND RESEARCH LIVED A LITTLE MAGICIAN,


THIS LITTLE MAGICIAN ONCE LOVED A WOMAN. A DANCING, SINGING AND LOVELY ACTRESS.

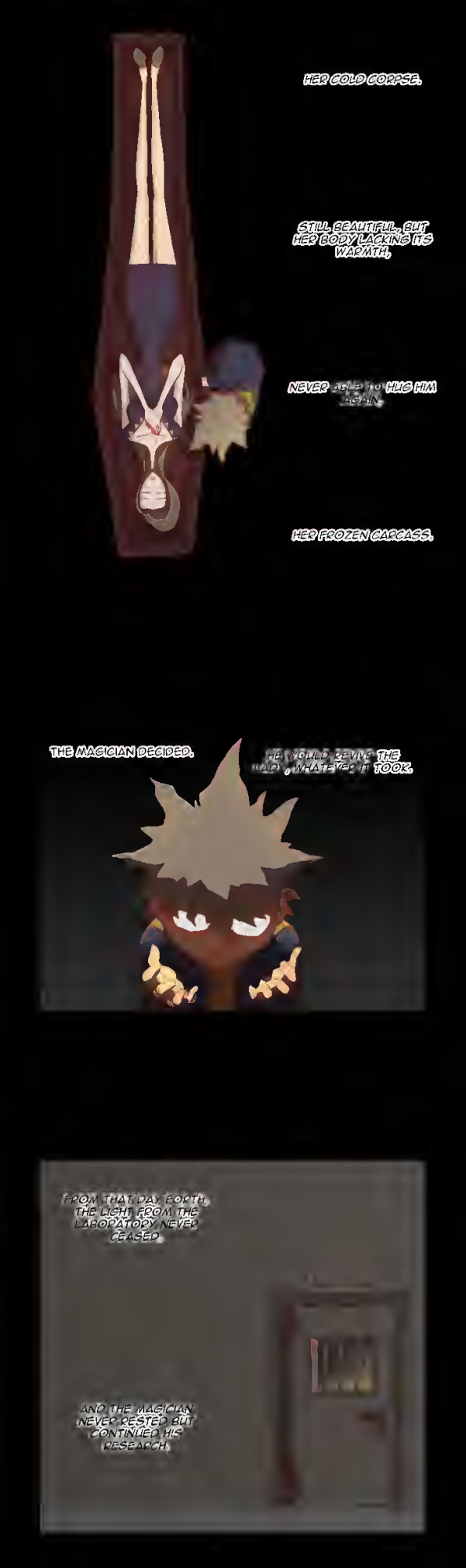
THE ACTRESS HOPED SOMEONE WOULD UNDERSTAND HER PAIN.

THE TWO PEOPLE LOOKED AT EACH OTHER. WHAT THEY SAW WAS DIFFERENT, BUT THEY WERE ABLE TO SEE THE OTHER.

THE TWO WERE ABLE TO HOLD HANDS WITH EACH OTHER, BUT NOT FOR LONG.



I'LL MAKE IT SO NO ONE CAN!


HER COLD CORPSE.
STILL BEAUTIFUL, BUT HER BODY LACKING ITS WARMTH.
NEVER ABLE TO HUG HIM AGAIN.
HER FROZEN CARCASS.
THE MAGICIAN DECIDED.
HE WOULD REVIVE THE LADY, WHATEVER IT TOOK.
FROM THAT DAY FORTH, THE LIGHT FROM THE LABORATORY NEVER CEASED.
AND THE MAGICIAN NEVER RESTED BUT CONTINUED HIS RESEARCH.

AND FINALLY, ON THE NIGHT THUNDER STRUCK.
THE MAGICIAN GAVE THE LADY'S BODY A NEW LIFE.

THAT LADY OPENED HER EYES AFTER A LONG SLEEP.

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HER LIPS ARE PALE AS LILIES ~
HER TWO EYES ARE PITCH BLACK ~

DO YOU REMEMBER ME, VIOLETTA?

IS THAT MY NAME?

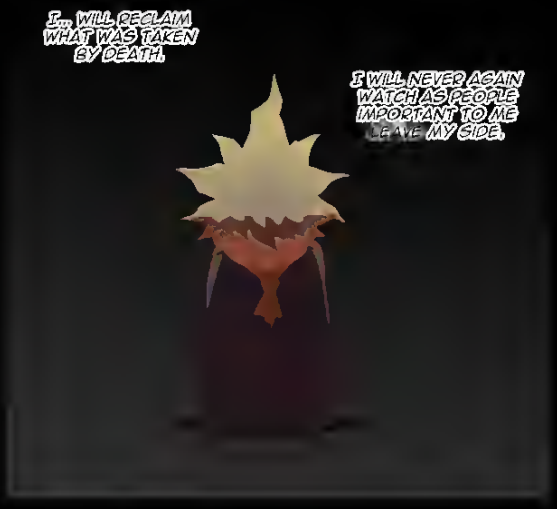
THE FAILED MAGICIAN TO AN ENDLESS HELL~

WHY DID YOU WAKE ME? THIS KIND OF RUBBISH BODY CAN'T DO ANYTHING.

I WANT TO SEE THE WORLD.
ONE THAT CAN WALK WITHOUT DEPENDING ON MACHINES, AND CAN SING.
I WANT TO LAUGH AS I SHARE STORIES WITH OTHERS.

DON'T HOLD ME INSIDE A COFFIN.

THE MAGICIAN HAS RESOLVED. HE WILL GRANT HER WISH.
HE WILL GRANT HER A PERFECT BODY. ONE THAT HE DOES NOT POSSESS HIMSELF ~




I'LL..... I'LL ACCEPT THE THRONE OF THE 'LIFELESS CHARACTERS'.

A BEAUTIFUL YET SAD ONE THAT NOT ANYONE CAN HEAR ~
A BRILLIANT STORY ~

Waaa~!
Waaa~!
Wow~!
Clap Clap Clap
Clap Clap Clap

FIN...